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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you will recall, in your statement to the press on 6 October 1998 on behalf of the Security Council, you asked me to consider how to ensure that the Secretariat had a first-hand capability to assess developments on the ground, and to continue reporting to the Council on compliance with its resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998).

Following consultations with the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to send an interdepartmental mission, headed by Staffan de Mistura, to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to look into these matters. In view of the proposed deployment of Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) monitors in Kosovo to observe compliance, the mission will also assess possible modalities for coordination of activities between OSCE and United Nations agencies on the ground.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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